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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 18, 1975:

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON: SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAMS

SCHEDULE -- HE WILL BE ARRIVING TOMORROW AFTERNOON, BUT AS
I MENTIONED YESTERDAY, HIS PROGRAM, AS FAR AS WE ARE CON-

CERNED, STARTS ON FRIDAY. HE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE
SECRETARY FRIDAY MORNING, AND THEN THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
A WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY HERE IN THE
DEPARTMENT. THEN I BELIEVE THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ANNOUNCED
OR IS IN THE PROCESS OF ANNOUNCING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
FORD AT FOUR O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY. IN THE EVENING THERE WILL
BE A DINNER AT BLAIR HOUSE HOSTED BY THE UNDER SECRETARY
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, JOSEPH SISCO. THE FOREIGN MINISTER
WILL BE LEAVING ON SATURDAY. NO TIME HAS BEEN SET FOR THAT
AS YET, AS FAR AS I AM AWARE.

Q. WILL THE SECRETARY NOT BE HERE FRIDAY NIGHT?

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A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, HE WILL BE HERE FRIDAY NIGHT, YES.

Q. DOES FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM HAVE A DATE AT THE PENTA-
TON, DO YOU KNOW?

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, HE DOES NOT.

Q. WHERE DOES HE ARRIVE, DO YOU KNOW?

A. AT DULLES.

Q. MET BY WHOM?

A. I BELIEVE THE SECRETARY IS PLANNING TO GO OUT TO MEET HIM.

Q. IF THE SECRETARY WILL BE HERE, HOW COME HE IS NOT HOSTING THE DINNER?

A. I CANNOT REALLY GIVE YOU A DEFINITE ANSWER. I REMEMBER THE LAST TIME THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WAS HERE, I THINK THE SAME PATTERN WAS FOLLOWED. THE SECRETARY HAD A WORKING LUNCH FOR HIM, AND I BELIEVE THAT JOE SISCO HAD A DINNER FOR HIM. I TALKED WITH ROY ATHERTON ABOUT IT.

Q. THE SECRETARY ALSO HAD A DINNER FOR HIM.

A. I WILL HAVE TO CHECK ON WHAT OBLIGATION THE SECRETARY MAY HAVE ALREADY HAD. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO BE SEEING A GREATFUL IF FOREIGN

MINISTER KHADDAM, AND I WOULDN'T READ ANYTHING INTO THE FACT THAT MR. SISCO, WHO ALSO IS VERY CLOSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, IS GIVING THE DINNER. I WOULDN'T READ ANYTHING PARTICULAR INTO IT.

Q. IS HE STAYING AT BLAIR HOUSE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I WILL CHECK IT.
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Q. WHEN ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WAS HERE, HE DID NOT SEE THE PRESIDENT, AND IT WAS SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT USUALLY RECEIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS. HOW COME HE IS SEEING KHADDAM?

A. I CAN'T ANSWER THAT. OF COURSE, AS FAR AS FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON IS CONCERNED, PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAS BEEN HERE ONCE OR TWICE. HE ALWAYS SEES THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT OF SYRIA HAS NOT BEEN HERE. I THINK IT IS

PROBABLY CONSIDERED A VERY GOOD IDEA FOR THE TOP REPRESENTATIVE WHO NORMALLY VISITS THE UNITED STATES FROM SYRIA TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, TO HAVE CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Q. FOR THE RECORD, I THINK ALLON DID SEE THE PRESIDENT ON HIS FIRST TRIP HERE, LAST DECEMBER.

A. I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT. BUT I DON'T THINK HE DID THE LAST TIME. I KNOW HE DID AT ONE POINT, ON ONE OF HIS TRIPS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE.

Q. DID KHADDAM SEE THE PRESIDENT LAST TIME?

A. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK. I JUST DON'T REMEMBER.

Q. HAS THE SOVIET UNION ADVISED THE UNITED STATES IN ANY WAY THAT IT IS NOT INTERESTED IN RECONVENING THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ANY TIME SOON?

A. NO, THE CHRIS WREN STORY FROM MOSCOW, TALKING ABOUT THIS -- I DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE SECRETARY A SHORT TIME AGO -- AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD NOTHING, BEEN INFORMED ABOUT THIS BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

Q. HAS THE SECRETARY SEEN AMBASSADOR EILTS YET?

A. YES, HE HAS.
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Q. YESTERDAY?

A. I KNOW THAT HE SAW HIM THIS MORNING. WHETHER HE SAW HIM YESTERDAY, I WOULD HAV TO CHECK, BECAUSE I SAW HIM HERE THIS MORNING.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER HE IS GOING BACK THE END OF THE WEEK OR NOT?

A. HE WILL BE GOING BACK IN THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK, BUT HIS EXACT DEPARTURE TIME HAS STILL NOT BEEN SET.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL, AFTER RETURNING TO CAIRO, COME BACK TO WASHINGTON ONCE AGAIN? MIGHT THIS BE THE BEGINNING OF SEVERAL TRIPS BACK AND FORTH?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO KEEP SHUTTLEING BACK AND FORTH. MY OWN PERSONAL GUESS IS THAT AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS HE IS HAVING NOW WITH REGARD TO

PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S VISIT, SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS, SHALL
WE SAY, THAT AMBASSADOR EILTS MAY GET COULD BE HANDLED BY
TELEGRAM. BUT THAT IS JUST MY OWN VIEW.

Q. IS HE GOING TO WAIT FOR THE COMPLETION OF MR. KHADDAM'S
VISIT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WILL WAIT FOR THAT OR NOT.

Q. COULD WE FIND OUT?

A. I WILL SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT WHEN AMBASSADOR EILTS IS
SCHEDULED TO LEAVE. BUT AS OF THREE HOURS AGO, WHEN I
SAW HIM TWO HOURS AGO, HE HAD NO FIRM DEPARTURE TIME. BUT

I WILL LOOK INTO IT.

HE WILL BE STAYING AT THE WATERGATE HOTEL AS A GUEST OF
THE USG.

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FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM SAW PRESIDENT FORD IN AUGUST,
BUT DID NOT SEE HIM DURING HIS SEPTEMBER VISIT. INGERSOLL

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